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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand was seasonally slow and disappointing to fair which is common following Thanksgiving weekend. Food service was mostly no better than moderate. Offerings were at least adequate and available as trade continuously observed market conditions, evaluated needs, and purchased mostly as needed. In the parts structure, availability was increasing and trading limited. However, wings were close balanced to sufficient with good clearance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 1st of December, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	125.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	65.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	28.00
WINGS	80.00

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 11/25/00	2000	1999
EGGS SET	179,834	180,524
CHICKS PLACED	134,325	137,966
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		0
		-03

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 180 million eggs during the week ending November 25, 2000. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 134 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 25, 2000. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 25, 2000, were 6.76 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 6-Jan-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 136.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 134.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 140.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 129.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.06 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings readily available. Buying activity fair. Demand was moderate by stores best to cover ads. Restaurants moderate to good, best by fast food. Floor stocks adequate. The market tone was weak on bone-in breasts and leg quarters about steady on balance of parts.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate with mixed trading, best where limited features were present. Supplies were in good balance and moving steadily. In the parts structure, wings continued to show strength with supplies well cleared. All other parts were at least adequate and at times hard to clear even at lower levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of whole birds and Wog's were fully sufficient for the limited trade needs. Fill in trading reported in Chicago on WOGS at 55 cents. Retail movement continued to struggle, slow to very light and little optimism for increased shopper interest noted. Retail features on split breasts at 99 cents in the St. Louis and Michigan areas, and in the Chicago area on drums and thighs at 47 cents and leg quarters at 29 cents. Food service demand slightly improved over the previous day, light to moderate at best. Inventories building with some receivers assessing reducing regular commitments. Weights were in a desirable range. Parts trading was inactive to slow overall with moderate activity reported on wings. Supplies of all items were increasing, adequate to ample with buyers taking a wait and see attitude. The market tone was fully steady on wings, cautiously steady to weak on breast items and leg quarters, and steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and disappointing, subsequently, dealers were cautious and only secured product to cover most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate, and the 3 pound and heavier birds were usually available. Movement into retail and distributive channels was seasonally slow. The market tone was steady at best. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat parts were more than sufficient, legs and leg quarters were readily available. Wings remained the best item and continued to clear well.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole bird was generally noted as disappointingly slow to seasonally no better than fair and typical of the post-Thanksgiving period. Seller offerings were fully sufficient. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, breast and leg cuts were fully adequate to ample and excess supplies were usually slow to clear. Wings were adequate to tight.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	54-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.32
NO. OF BOXES	11,360

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

NOVEMBER 29, 2000

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	905	103.00-190.00	125-135	129.00
TENDERLOINS	155	155.00-240.00	-	165.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	287	65.00-69.00	65-67	65.78
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	126	32.00-47.00	32-34	32.71
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	380	20.50-25.00	21-22	21.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,578	22.50-29.00	25-26	26.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	349	74.00-80.00	78-79	78.80
WINGS (CUT)	558	87.00-106.00	90-92	93.50
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	50	62.00-83.00	-	64.09

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	850	103.00-192.00	125-135	129.30
TENDERLOINS	68	155.00-240.00	-	180.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	265	62.00-66.00	63-65	65.04
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	420	20.00-25.00	21-23	21.52
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,538	22.50-29.00	25-26	25.57
WINGS (WHOLE)	331	75.00-80.00	77-79	78.90
WINGS (CUT)	595	85.00-106.00	90-93	93.00
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.75 - 47.50	45.11	43.50 - 47.50	45.01	44.82

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Midweek trucklot buying activity was extremely light as dealers eyed the market with caution and continued to limit purchases to most immediate needs. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate to ample, and bone-in breasts were readily available. Dark meat items were more than sufficient, particularly leg quarters and drumsticks. Wing movement remained good keeping product well cleared to closely balanced. Movement into retail and distributive channels was slow and disappointing. The market tone was fully steady on wings, cautiously steady to instances weak on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	116.01	814,910
TENDERLOINS	150-155	151.89	165,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	59.49	301,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	54.13	144,000
LEGS	35-36	40.45	168,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.56	599,928
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.31	233,940
THIGHS	30-31	34.48	182,870
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.14	55,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	85.58	365,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	91,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.39	95,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.66	114,010

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	113.54	590,900
TENDERLOINS	150-155	147.85	157,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	52-53	58.87	316,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	52	53.99	567,800
LEGS	35-36	40.22	253,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23-24	25.35	436,354
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	35.90	182,210
THIGHS	30-31	36.36	131,010
B/S THIGHS	78-79	82.43	62,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	85.29	372,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	88,684
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	44.65	87,730
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	69.67	114,000

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/29	11/28	11/27	11/24	11/22
ALA	3,915	3,857	3,901	2,246	4.88
ARK	5,193	5,042	4,946	2,095	5.03
DELMARVA	2,344	2,312	2,338	2,081	5.05
KY-LA-TN	2,016	2,024	1,994	1,357	4.68
MISS	2,733	2,734	2,722	1,814	5.03
NC	2,647	2,600	2,643	2,140	6.03
TEXAS	2,322	2,301	2,299	2,167	4.84
TOTAL	21,170	20,870	20,843	13,900	5.08
MON-WED	62,944 (A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Nov 00 is estimated to be 31,673,000 up 1.60 percent from a week ago and up 4.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,458,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

ICE PACK	DRY PACK
FRESH FRYERS	92-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	102-103
HENS OVER 5#	106-112
DUCKS	112-119
	94
	94
	152-165

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING DEC-02-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/02/00 (1)	11/25/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	156,959 (2)	117,382
LT HENS	1,874	1,040
HVY HENS	1,426	960
CHECK TOTAL	160,259	119,382

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Dec-00 is 145.6 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.3 million head or 11.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Dec-00 the estimated available is 148.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 27-Nov-00	72,019	77,023
AM 1-Nov-00	128,816	72,410
CHG	-56,797	4,613
PCT CHG	-44	6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/27/00	11/20/00	11/30/99	11/27/00	11/20/00	11/30/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	10,614	11,023	7,601	7,856	8,390	13,519
LOS						
ANGELES	149	202	175	2,091	2,281	4,280

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/28/00

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.95	.53	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.25	.45	.36	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	2.25	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	.55	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.50	4.75	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.65	.58	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.50	.60	.55	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.50	6.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	3.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.50	1.30	ROOSTERS ea.	2.50	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	.30	.50	.35	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	.40	.33	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.20	.78	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	1.25	.94	RABBITS ea.	.75	1.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.75	6.50	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	3.50	-
SILKIES ea.	.75	2.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	.75	1.00	-				

TOTAL COOPS 170

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2000

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	53-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-69

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